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THE WILL FOR PEACE

Just now the attack centers upon the four power treaty to further peace in the Pacific. This is a smaller league of nations created by a treaty which has its article ten, and its other features of the great League of Nations, although the expression is in a little different form.

It begins to look as if Mr. Harding would be subjected to something of the same storm of hatred that overtook Mr. Wilson when he tried to do something to get rid of war.

It is much to be desired that no Democratic leader shall bring to the situation the violent hatreds and angers which the Republican leaders exhibited, under the direction of Senator Lodge.

At the best there will be the pull and haul of these who have at heart in America certain European interests, rather than American interests.

Assuming that the Irish question will be happily settled, a great obstacle, perhaps the greatest, has been removed from the road to peace.

The world peace cannot be attained without some sacrifice of cherished ideas.

The President of the United States will do nothing that he does not believe to be in true accord with the best interests of America. Mr. Hughes, Secretary of State, is moved in his activities in the Arms Conference only by the desire to give full expression to American ideals and American belief in a world of peace.

Merely because a previous attempt to secure world peace was marked by hatred, is not a reason for so marking a second attempt.

The Times sincerely hopes that every Democrat in America, will co-operate to bring the newer and better and happier world which is not very far away.

GETTING BACK TO WORK

The differences in the Board of Education are likely to be composed without an actual resort to litigation. By action taken last night, two of three actions which are pending in the superior court, have been made unnecessary. Further agreement will make the third action also unnecessary.

The disagreement arose over a simple matter. The law requires a board of eight members, four Republicans and four Democrats. By the death of Dr. George W. Osborn the Democratic side was reduced to three members, and the Democratic members, that they might have the equality intended by the law demanded that the vacancy should be filled before the transaction of any other business. Otherwise they would be three to four, and not properly represented, nor able properly to do the work given to them by the people. The Republican members met and elected officers, and attempted to function as a legal board of education.

At this point the Democrats applied for a writ for quo warranto to try the legality of this conduct, and a writ of mandamus to compel the Republican members to fill the vacancy.

The vacancy being filled the mandamus is no longer necessary and will be dropped as will also the mandamus brought by Norman Leeds to compel the filling of the vacancy and to compel all the members to carry on.

The difficulty over the illegal committees was temporarily disposed of, last night, by transferring all the business to the members as a committee of the whole.

This discussion has been rather wholesome for the community, and not a bad thing for the Board of Education. The community is deeply concerned that its business shall be done according to law, and the board is under a duty to do business in no other way.

As to the general principle of the publicity which comes from a sharp separation among members of a public body, it is excellent that from time to time the citizens should have a good look at the things their representatives are doing. At such times the people get facts that they ought to have; facts which are frequently withheld when everything is harmonious.

THE MAN BEHIND THE BRIBE

It promises excellently for the cause of justice that Homer S. Cummings will take up the inquiry into the bribery conspiracy which has so shocked the people of this community.

Justice will not be satisfied until the master mind has been discovered. It is the principal in the crime who must be punished, not merely the tool.

Many facts point overwhelmingly to the conclusion that Alderman Hamilton was not the originator of the plot. Who was?

Mr. Cummings will be entitled to highest public commendation if he can arrive at an answer to this question that will satisfy a jury in the criminal court, and insure an adequate penalty to the chief conspirator and his associates.

Will Know Irish Decision Thursday

(Continued From Page One) "I have met one or two of the members, who, while not holding very definitely to the opinion that the treaty should be ratified, have declared to what they know are their constituents' desires.

After Mr. DeValera had concluded, Arthur Griffith, head of the delegation to London, rose to ask whether it was alleged that the plenipotentiaries had exceeded their instructions.

Mr. DeValera explained that the treaty was signed in the small hours of the morning after allotments had been made which the cabinet had not seen. To that extent, he said, the instructions had not been followed.

Michael Collins then asked that the final document agreed to by DeValera and the plenipotentiaries should be put side by side with documents signed in London by their plenipotentiaries. They did not sign that document as a treaty, he said, but on the understanding that all the dignitaries would recommend it to the all for acceptance.

Dr. White, one of the members, then moved a private session. Mr.

DeValera said he thought the general question must be debated in public, but that the matter referred to ought to be discussed in private. Statements had just been made by delegates which were not facts, he said.

Mr. Collins protested against what he characterized as the unfairness that lay in submitting one document without submitting the original credentials. He read credentials of himself and his colleagues, signed by DeValera, authorizing them to negotiate and conclude on behalf of the republic of Ireland, with representatives of his Britannic Majesty, a treaty or treaties of settlement, association or accommodation between Ireland and the commonwealth of Nations known as the British Commonwealth.

The Daily, he continued, had full power of rejection and could relieve him of responsibility.

President DeValera in responding said the credentials quoted by Collins had not, he believed, been accepted. He would be glad to hear, he said, that the Prime Minister had received the acceptance.

Legion Fund To Be Probed

State Comptroller Harvey P. Bissell was authorized by the state board of control, yesterday, "to investigate any affairs in the administration of this fund by the Legion," as the result of Mr. Bissell's charges to Governor Lake that Treasurer Frank S. Butterworth of the American Legion had unlawfully spent \$2,000 from the income of the \$2,500,000 state fund for the relief of needy ex-service men.

Treasurer Butterworth refused to give direct replies to questions asked by Comptroller Bissell and declined to say whether he believed 10 per cent. overhead expense was fair in the administration of a trust fund. Comptroller Bissell elicited the information from Mr. Butterworth that the board of the local American Legion posts investigated applications for assistance and these results were forwarded to him at New Haven.

"The greatest part of the expense for the payment of Mr. Butterworth is for signing checks?" asked Comptroller Bissell. "Come down to my office and see," retorted Mr. Butterworth, who said that four women clerks were employed by him on work connected with the fund. He said that this work was done in his office where his personal business was also transacted. Refusing to answer other questions, Mr. Butterworth constantly referred to the letter he had sent to Governor Lake. This letter was read by the board and was a public document, but Mr. Butterworth declined to let newspapers have a copy of the letter, it is declared in the document, but Mr. Butterworth declined to let newspapers have a copy of the letter, it is declared in the document, but Mr. Butterworth declined to let newspapers have a copy of the letter, it is declared in the document.

Mr. Butterworth confirmed a published statement that he had already drawn \$300 for one month's pay as administrator of the soldier fund, although the resolution providing for the salary from the trust fund lacks the written consent of all the members of the board of control. Comptroller Bissell sought authorization for an investigation of expenditures of the fund under provisions of Section 2 of Chapter 283 of the Public Acts of 1919. He said it was seldom that more than 2 per cent. overhead was allowed for the administration of a trust fund. The Hoover relief funds had an overhead of from 1-8 to 1-5-8 per cent. "Needy soldiers have been mulcted by this 10 per cent. overhead of the Legion expenditures," said Comptroller Bissell, "but this is not the case, for under the law the treasurer has no right to use any part of the fund for his own expenses, and for spending one cent of the fund for maintenance. Mr. Butterworth proposes to take his pay from the fund, but while I am connected with it I will see that the intent of the law is carried out and that only needy soldiers get the benefit of the fund."

Attorney General Healy said the comptroller took a wrong impression of the matter, that the board of control acted as trustee of the fund. James Callie, who claimed to be from Bridgeport, was picked up in the Floral Park section Monday night. Sergeant Benjamin Smith brought the man in. He said to have been begging and was charged with vagrancy. He was turned loose yesterday, and given a lesson in geography, shown the city lines, and asked to be careful to keep on the west side of it hereafter. It is not thought that he had any connection with any of the numerous recent burglaries.

STAMFORD TERROR IS "JACK THE HUGGER"

Stamford, Conn., Dec. 14.—Stamford girls and women who are out of doors after nightfall are being harassed because of the conduct of a person who appears to have a mania for hugging women. In the last two weeks, half a dozen cases of women and girls being embraced by a person variously described as a half-starved, old man with unkempt hair and as a well-developed, well clothed full grown man, have been reported. The girls and women have been unable to capture the prowler.

The hugging followed Miss Jane Wright, a prominent student at night and attacked her as she was about to enter the Women's Club. His embraces about her neck was choking her when she managed to free herself and call for help. The assailant — she describes him as an unkempt, thin man of about 40 years of age — she describes him as an unkempt, thin man of about 40 years of age — she describes him as an unkempt, thin man of about 40 years of age.

Connecticut To Assist Blind

Hartford, Dec. 14.—The State Board of Education of the Blind has announced that it is sending to the selectmen of every town in the state a list of names of blind children of all those who are blind or nearly so. The state board desires this information in order to send them to the best manner possible.

The scope of the board has been enlarged, so that it now is able to do something to bring contact and well-being to a larger number of children and adults than heretofore. The children are sent to a special school and, as they approach adult life, are taught a trade and later assisted to secure employment. The same applies to adults. Also, for adults well along the years, who cannot leave their homes, the board has home teachers who are themselves blind and who will be sent to the homes to teach them to read with their hands or to do remunerative work in the home. In submitting one document without submitting the original credentials. He read credentials of himself and his colleagues, signed by DeValera, authorizing them to negotiate and conclude on behalf of the republic of Ireland, with representatives of his Britannic Majesty, a treaty or treaties of settlement, association or accommodation between Ireland and the commonwealth of Nations known as the British Commonwealth.

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BUSINESS IS BLOWING UP NEW YORK

Working strictly within the law, Christopher Fassant has set off enough dynamite within the city's limits to have blown New York into smithereens 20 years ago. He has divided underground with the first subway and blasted his way from Wall street to 125th street. Since then he has used dynamite to burrow his way all over the city and now he is tearing up the block bounded by Fifty-fifth, Fifty-sixth streets, between Broadway and Seventh avenue, where the Hotel Commonwealth will stand.

Fassant received his license as a "blaster" in 1899, after passing the strict examination of the Fire Department. He had to state what he would do in all sorts of cases; how he would blast soft and hard rock; what he would do if a charge failed to explode; how much "powder" he would use in certain cases, and a hundred and one other things. It is no mean job being a "blaster" in New York—he has to be an engineer as well as an explosive expert and his responsibility is enormous. He is responsible for every accident that occurs in his name, and particularly since the Wall street bomb explosion, his responsibility is increased. It is on the job that he must show extraordinary care and intelligence. For instance, on the Hotel Commonwealth excavation Fassant had to make "mats" weighing more than a ton each with which the explosions are cushioned to prevent flying rock destroying property and killing persons. When the blast, usually a set of "holes" in which dynamite has been tamped, is exploded, Fassant must have the debris cleared away and check up each hole. If one missed he must make sure that it is blown next time or get the permission of the Fire Department to remove it.

This is a ticklish business and the most approved method is to shock the missed hole into exploding by setting off another blast next to it. In less than three months Fassant has removed more than 7,000 cubic yards of granite from the Commonwealth excavation and it is expected that close to 100,000 yards will have to be blasted before the entire foundation can be built.

A delivery automobile which was being repaired in the plant of the Connecticut Lock Co. caught fire Monday evening at 6 o'clock. The wooden body of the car was completely destroyed by the flames and the fire threatened to do great damage to the factory and the surrounding buildings. The flames from the car shot high into the sky and could be seen for many blocks. No. 1 company answered the alarm and extinguished the flames with some difficulty. It is not known whether the loss is covered by insurance.

That Fairfield High school will put one of the finest basketball teams in the inter-scholastic field, is the boast of High school students, who are turning out to the practice games held every night after the school session. Fairfield High has not put a team in the field for two years and it is expected that this team will make some of the larger high school teams sit up and take notice.

This year's team is composed of first class basketball men, many of the recruits being from Bridgeport High. The team is being coached by night and the team is fast being whipped into shape. As yet no captain or manager has been elected, but the logical candidate put forward by members of the practice squad for captain is James Sharkey and for manager Paul Kelly. These candidates will probably be voted upon this week when the squad meets for the election.

Skating is reported as "great" by skating bugs who journey every night after school to Jennings' pond. All the old skates that have been hanging up in the attic since last winter are being brought out and turned over to the local hardware men for sharpening. The ice on the pond is quite thick.

Joseph Banney, of Greenfield, has sold his 25 acre farm. Mr. Banney will take up his duties as head chauffeur of the Hartford Hotel, the artist, of Greenfield Hall. Workmen employed by the Connecticut company are repairing the signals on the Bridgeport-Fairfield line. The signals have not been in the working order of some time, and have caused great delay to people being obliged to wait until the cars passed the blacked out signals. At the same time the workmen are repairing the feed and other wires, the insulation of which has peeled off.

An announcement that the Westport Choral club will hold its annual concert tonight in the Methodist church at 8 o'clock will be of interest to those who yearly take in the concert. The concert is under the direction of George Tompkins of Westport. The program for this follows:

- When the Crimson Sun..... Old English Carol
Sing We Noel..... 16th Century French Carol
It Came Upon a Midnight Clear..... Arthur Sullivan
Scantius..... Gounod
Capitula, Holy Night..... Brewer
The Song of Solomon..... Soprano
Once Alken; alto, Miss Dylus Zeldler, and baritone, Ralph Toland.

Workmen employed by the Telephone company are busy putting up new poles on the lower end of Oldtown that it may help the wires hang for some time and were partly rotted at the bottom. Autolists who pass the Town Hall on the Post Road at night can no longer see the sign telling when Fairfield was founded because the wires that supported the current for the electric lights on the sign have been disconnected. The reason the line has been taken down is because of the few number of autos from far off state that pass through the town during the winter months. Chris Collins, who resides in the village, has recently purchased a new wireless telephone set. The set is one of the latest and is capable of a hearing radius of over 400 miles. Chris listened in on all of the big football games and heard the DeWanna-Carpenter fight round by round. Every night he brings in a couple of his boys friends to hear the concerts sent out every possible way with the exception of the latest news sent through the air by the various press agencies.

SUIT RETURNABLE IN JANUARY Foreclosure and possession of mortgaged property in the Springdale section of Fairfield is asked in a Superior court action filed today by Arthur J. Post, New York. The defendant named are Harry E. Henderson, Brockton, and Charles W. Stowell, Stamford. It is alleged in the writ that the plaintiff loaned \$1,500 on a promissory note, the note being executed April 1, last, by A. Royal Henderson of Fairfield. The suit is returnable the first Tuesday in January.

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TRAIN RIDER RELEASED

Edward Krewites, of Ansonia, who was arrested last night for train riding, was released by the City court today after receiving a warning.

DIED.

CARBY—In this city, Tuesday, Dec. 13, 1921, Margaret Carey of 185 Arch street.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral from the funeral parlors of Mullins, Scott & Redgate, 293 Golden Hill street, on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Augustine's church, at 9 a. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

GUNN—In this city, Wednesday, Dec. 14, 1921, at his home, 334 Norman street, Joseph H. Gunn, aged 76 years.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at the Read Memorial chapel, Mountain Grove cemetery, on Friday, 16th inst., at 2:30 o'clock.

Burial in Mountain Grove cemetery.

KILLEY—In this city, Dec. 12, 1921, Donalick Kelly.

Friends are invited to attend the funeral at his late residence, 228 Sullivan street, on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8:30 a. m., and from St. Charles church, at 9 a. m.

Interment at St. Michael's cemetery.

TODAY'S WANTS.

BAILEY'S ART SHOP Full line of Royal Society Skin Pianos for embroidering, Calcutta, Rupa, India, Striped Flows, Flossies; also full line of trunks, suitcases, bags, handbags, and more.

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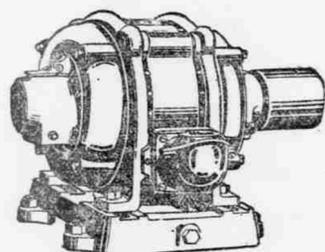
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NORTHMAN L. PHILLIPS vs. RAYMOND J. PHILLIPS—Order of No. 10.

TATE OF CONNECTICUT, Fairfield County, vs. BRIDGEPORT, Fairfield County, Dec. 14, 1921.

Upon the complaint of the said Gertrude E. Phillips praying for reasons herein set forth for a divorce and change of name returnable to the Superior Court in and for Fairfield County, at the first Tuesday of January, 1922. It appearing to and being found by me subscribing authority that Raymond J. Phillips, the said Defendant, is absent from this State and goes to parts unknown.

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